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20 educational technology projects to share \$1.9 million

Enhancing Education Through Technology grants target improving student achievement

MADISON—Twenty projects that will improve student achievement through the use of educational technology will share \$1.9 million in Enhancing Education Through Technology federal grants.

“Today’s students were born in the digital age and must master technology to improve themselves and the world around them,” said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster. “These grants will help educators develop teaching methods and instructional strategies that capitalize on students’ interest in technology and use that familiarity to improve students’ academic performance.”

Each project will help Wisconsin educators develop lessons that require the use of educational technology to meet learning goals. The evaluation process will ensure that students are acquiring 21st century skills such as critical thinking; collaborative problem solving; life and career skills; information, media, and technology skills; as well as higher levels of achievement in core academic subjects. Grants also focus on professional development so that educators develop proficiency in using technology as a teaching and learning tool to support student academic achievement.

“Knowing how to effectively use technology is vital to both students and teachers. These grants will help educators gain the confidence and experience to use technology as a learning tool that improves student academic performance and helps students develop 21st century skills,” Burmaster said.

Collaborative teams of school library media specialists, classroom teachers, and school administrators will work together to build, teach, evaluate, and refine technology-enriched lessons. The goal is to provide professional development and learning communities that focus on integrating instructional technology tools and strategies into daily teaching and learning. The projects will be

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ongoing and aligned with Wisconsin Teacher Standards and National Staff Development Council Standards. Grant staff development activities relate to the state's information and technology literacy standards and the district or districts' combined information and technology plans.

Grants also include data-driven evaluation and a dissemination component to ensure that products and lessons from the projects are shared across the state. The dissemination process may involve publication and virtual professional exchanges, such as an Internet-based clearinghouse or portal, video conferencing, or online mentoring.

Wisconsin's \$4.1 million Enhancing Education Through Technology grant includes funds awarded on a formula basis and \$1.9 million awarded for these competitive grants. Projects serving high-needs schools—schools with a high population of economically disadvantaged students or a school identified for improvement or corrective action under state and federal accountability guidelines—received funding priority. The 20 competitive grants went to one school district and 19 consortium projects and will impact 225 public school districts and two private schools.

“Ensuring that all students have the opportunity to use educational technology bridges the digital divide and is an important part of our New Wisconsin Promise: to provide a quality education for every child and close the achievement gap,” Burmaster said.

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ATTACHMENT: A list of No Child Left Behind Title II D: Enhancing Education Through Technology competitive grants follows. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2007_122.pdf.



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Enhancing Education Through Technology

Competitive Grant Awards for 2007-08

Brodhead

Albany, Brodhead, Clinton Community, Evansville Community, Milton, Parkview, and Wisconsin School for the Deaf in Delavan -- \$75,000

Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine

Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine and Niagara -- \$37,000

CESA 2

Cambridge, Genoa City J2, Lake Geneva J1, Lake Mills Area, Monticello, Palmyra-Eagle Area, and Waterloo -- \$75,000

CESA 3

Benton, Black Hawk, Boscobel Area, Cuba City, Darlington Community, Dodgeville, Ithaca, Richland, River Ridge, Seneca, and Wauzeka-Steuben. Private Schools: St. Joseph in Dodgeville and St. Mary's in Richland Center -- \$100,000

CESA 4

Alma, Alma Center, Arcadia, Bangor, Black River Falls, Blair-Taylor, Cashton, Cochrane-Fountain City, De Soto Area, Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau, Hillsboro, Holmen, Independence, La Crosse, La Farge, Melrose-Mindoro, Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton, Onalaska, Royall, Sparta Area, Tomah Area, Viroqua Area, West Salem, Westby Area, Whitehall, and Wonewoc-Union Center -- \$100,000

CESA 5

Adams-Friendship Area, Baraboo, Columbus, Mauston, Necedah Area, Nekoosa, New Lisbon, Pardeeville Area, Pittsville, Portage Community, Poynette, Randolph, Reedsburg, Rio Community, Sauk Prairie, Waupaca, Westfield, and Wisconsin Rapids -- \$100,000

CESA 6

Beaver Dam, Campbellsport, Fond du Lac, Hartford UHS, Horicon, Hortonville, Markesan, Neenah, Oakfield, Ripon Area, Slinger, West Bend, Weyauwega-Fremont, and Winneconne Community -- \$100,000

CESA 7

Algoma, Ashwaubenon, Brillion, Cedar Grove-Belgium Area, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, Gibraltar Area, Howard-Suamico, Kewaunee, Kiel Area, Kohler, Luxemburg-Casco, Manitowoc, Mishicot, New Holstein, Oostburg, Plymouth, Random Lake, Sevastopol, Sheboygan Area, Southern Door County, Stockbridge, Sturgeon Bay, Two Rivers, Washington, West De Pere, and Wrightstown Community -- \$120,000

CESA 8

Bonduel, Menominee Indian, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood -- \$50,000

CESA 8

Coleman, Crivitz, Florence, Gillett, Lena, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Peshtigo, Suring, and Wausaukee -- \$75,000

CESA 9

Antigo, Elcho, Lac du Flambeau #1, Lakeland UHS, Merrill Area, Minocqua J1, Mosinee, North Lakeland, Northland Pines, Phelps, Prentice, Rhinelander, Rib Lake, Tomahawk, and Woodruff J1 -- \$100,000

CESA 10

Abbotsford, Altoona, Augusta, Birchwood, Bloomer, Bruce, Cadott Community, Chippewa Falls Area, Colby, Cornell, Eleva-Strum, Elk Mound Area, Fall Creek, Flambeau, Gilman, Gilmanton, Granton Area, Greenwood, Ladysmith-Hawkins, Lake Holcombe, Loyal, Medford Area, Mondovi, Neillsville, New Auburn, Osseo-Fairchild, Owen-Withee, Spencer, Stanley-Boyd Area, Thorp, and Weyerhaeuser Area-- \$100,000

CESA 11

Amery, Boyceville Community, Chetek, Clayton, Cumberland, Frederic, Grantsburg, Osceola, Plum City, Prairie Farm, Prescott, Rice Lake Area, Saint Croix Falls, Shell Lake, Somerset, and Turtle Lake -- \$100,000

CESA 12

Ashland, Bayfield, Batternut, Drummond Area, Glidden, Hayward Community, Hurley, Maple, Mellen, Mercer, Northwood, Park Falls, Phillips, Solon Springs, South Shore, Superior, Washburn, and Winter -- \$100,000

Eau Claire

Blair-Taylor, Eau Claire Area, and Menomonie Area -- \$50,000

Edgar

Athens, D.C. Everest Area, Edgar, Marathon City, Stratford, and Wausau -- \$100,000

Green Bay

Denmark, Green Bay Area, Pulaski Community, and Seymour Community -- \$120,000

Mequon-Thiensville

Kenosha, Mequon-Thiensville, New Berlin, and Racine -- \$120,000

Milwaukee

Milwaukee Public Schools -- \$215,661

Whitewater

East Troy Community, Elkhorn Area, and Whitewater -- \$50,000